

**From:** Slater, Mike  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 11, 2014 10:10 AM  
**To:** Kelly Wright  
**Cc:** Virginia Monsisco  
**Subject:** RE: Additional documentation request for purchasing a vehicle, RP 96022409

Hi Kelly,

This looks good. I think we need to estimate the useful life of the new truck if purchased versus the lease costs over the same time period. So for comparison, with a lease you would get a new truck every three years, 36 months x \$1300 = \$46,800 versus \$40,000 for purchasing a new truck and keeping it for 3 years or more. Also, please send some advertisements or website links to actual trucks to verify the \$40,000 estimate. Clearly the purchase is the lower cost option for the government. You can then use the Tribes' own procurement system to document the purchase and allocate the costs to the different grants. Finally, what would happen to the truck if the grants you have run out and are not renewed? Would it still be used to support the EWMP?

Please let me know when you get concurrence from the other EPA grant project officers and we will confirm with the grants administration unit that this is approved and update our grant files.

Thanks,  
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**From:** Kelly Wright [mailto:kwright@sbtribes.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2014 3:24 PM  
**To:** Slater, Mike  
**Cc:** Virginia Monsisco  
**Subject:** Additional documentation request for purchasing a vehicle

Good afternoon Mike, hope you are having a great day. Sorry to bug you but I could not remember exactly what additional information. Hope this is a start on it. Let me know what else is needed.

Here is the justification as to why the Program is electing to purchase a vehicle rather than renting. We also understand this would be a one-time shot and this cost would be removed in following years. Only costs would become operation and maintenance costs.

Historical, the Tribes have rented a vehicle internally from the Tribes because at that time, we were not allowed to purchase vehicles. We rented the same vehicle under a three year contract and was paying \$1300 per month. We re-entered into another three contract with this same vehicle at \$1100 per month. Tribes would not allow the Program to purchase a vehicle because they thought that we could only rent. Doing some reviewing of the regulations, the federal government does allow for purchases as long as both sides understand the fact that no more monthly rentals can be requested from future resources since they assisted with purchasing one to begin with.

Program evaluated the need for another vehicle whether we purchased or rented it. Based on the historical costs associated with renting and never being able to decrease costs over time, the Program decided the best interest for all was to purchase a new vehicle so resources could be wisely spent in other areas rather than rental.

As for the cost analysis, here is what I did for that. I estimated the cost to be \$40,000 then broke the cost down into two components. One with tribal resources identified (56%) and the other coming from EPA grants (44%). EPA resources being identified were: Brownfields Response Grant; UST DITCA; Simplot and FMC Cooperative Agreements. The EWMP used the concept that the vehicle would be left in the possession of the Tribes so 56% would be contributed to us. We decided that 44% would be what EPA would be the amount requested. This resulted in \$17,700 being requested through EPA and the remaining \$22,300 would be out of our internal Tribal resources.

From here, it was determined that the majority if the costs would be associated with the Response Grant so 60% of the cost was associated to this grant which resulted in \$10,500. The UST DITCA involves more mileage and monthly site visits across the Reservation so we used 28% which calculated out to be \$5,000. We considered the fact that the Off-Site component did not have much activity scheduled and costs would be divided by the two principle responsible parties, the remaining cost would be

divided equally between the Simplot Cooperative Agreement and the FMC Cooperative Agreement. Therefore, \$2,200 was the remaining resources needed so \$1,100 is what we asked for.

If the vehicle is significantly less than the estimated purchase of a new 4 wheel drive crew cab vehicle. Our existing vehicle is a 1997 Chevy owned by the Program and is starting to develop some major mechanical issues. Eventually, the Program will retire this vehicle so that resources are not being wasted.

Hope this helps explain what and why we need to purchase rather than lease a new vehicle for the program. It will become a significant cost savings for the Brownfields Response Grant.

Thanks

Kelly